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Report from Habana—Mortuary statistics.

Assistant Surgeon Trotter reports the following transactions during the week ended October 17, 1903:

Number of health certificates issued	101
Number of vessels inspected and issued bills of health	16
Number of crews of outgoing vessels inspected	785
Number of passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	837
Number of pieces of baggage inspected	114
Number of pieces of freight inspected	3, 033
Number of pieces of express inspected	16

I inclose herewith the usual weekly mortuary report of the city of Habana.

Mortuary report of Habana for the week ended October 17, 1903.

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis.....	19
Pneumonia.....	3
Bronchitis.....	4
Broncho-pneumonia	2
Typhoid.....	2
Enteritis.....	1
Scarlet fever	7
Meningitis	4
Septicæmia.....	2
Cancer	7

Total deaths from all causes, 120.

Week ended October 24, 1903:

Number of health certificates issued.....	116
Vessels inspected and issued bills of health.....	19
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected	755
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	252
Pieces of baggage inspected	145
Pieces of express (meat boxes) disinfected	3
Pieces of freight inspected	976
Pieces of express inspected.....	18

The August report of the superior board of health of the island is inclosed, and the attention of the Bureau is invited to the letter of Dr. Carlos J. Finlay to the secretary of government, on page 4. Doctor Finlay, in his letter, calls attention to the alarming and distorted reports printed in the American papers of an epidemic at Daiquiri in early September, and to General Wyman the board extends its thanks for using his influence in denying and dispelling these rumors. Scarlet fever has shown an increase this month, there being 15 deaths from that disease from October 1 to 24. For the week just ended there were 6 deaths from the disease, a decrease of 1 over the report of the previous week. Doctor Barnet, the executive officer of the board, has issued a pamphlet, copy inclosed, for general distribution among the public, upon the "Method of contagion and propagation of scarlet fever," which contains instructions for isolating the sick, method of preparing disinfectants, etc.

I inclose herewith the usual weekly mortuary report.

Mortuary report of Habana for the week ended October 24, 1903.

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis.....	17
Pneumonia.....	1
Bronchitis.....	1
Typhoid.....	3
Enteritis.....	1
Meningitis.....	3
Scarlet fever.....	6
Leprosy.....	1
Cancer.....	5

Total deaths from all causes, 89.

Report from Matanzas.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nunez reports as follows for week ended October 24, 1903:

Two bills of health were issued to vessels bound for United States ports.

A decided change in the weather has been noticed recently. The prevailing temperature, which had been ranging between 85° and 90° F., suddenly has fallen to 70° since early morning of the 24th instant, remaining more or less stationary ever since.

At my present writing, 9 a. m., the thermometer marks 74°, with a tendency to rise.

One more case of diphtheria was reported in the beginning of the past week, same terminating in recovery.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Mortuary statistics covering the last ten days of present month, not being yet available, will be forwarded with my report next week.

Report from Santiago—Mortuary statistics.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports as follows for the week ended October 17, 1903:

Bills of health were issued to 4 vessels bound for the United States and Porto Rico.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Dr. Reyes Zamora is no longer medical director of the sanitary department (municipal), and Dr. Isidoro Agostini has been named in his place.

I inclose the weekly abstract of bills of health issued and the mortuary statistics for the week; also mortuary report for the third quarter of 1903.